

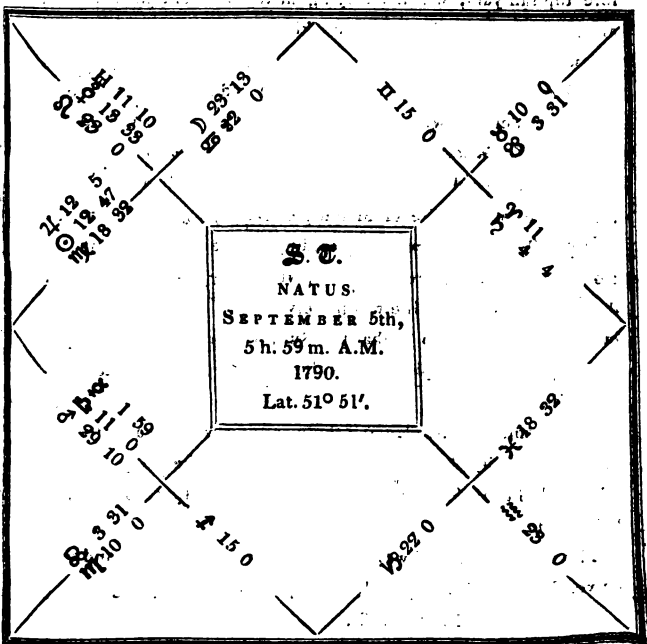
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TO THE EDITOR OF "THE SPIRIT OF PARTRIDGE."

SIR,

HAVING by experience proved the truth of Astrology, I am induced to send you the inclosed nativity of a friend whom I unfortunately beheld fall from the maintop-mast head of H.M.S. Le Franchise, lying in Malta harbour, May 16, 1811, P.M. He first struck against the maintop-rim, secondly against the spare fore top-sail-yard, which was lying in the larboard main-chains, and thence overboard; but by the kind assistance of Mr. Adeau (Master of the Ship), who immediately leaped overboard after him, his life was preserved, after breaking a leg and an arm. Whoever chuses to calculate, will find that the planet Saturn arrived at the west angle (*or in other words the ascendant to the opposition of Saturn in mundo*) followed by the Moon to the square of Mars direct, the Sun to the semiquartile of Mercury converse, and the Sun to the rapt parallel of Mars, which, according to the most eminent Astrologers, give falls, broken bones, violent contusions, and often death. The reason his life was preserved amidst this dreadful train of directions, seems to be that the Sun, who is hyleg, was assisted by the presence of Jupiter, and is therefore better enabled to resist these directions.

The enemies of Astrology (if there are any who are able to calculate a nativity) have now a fair challenge either to prove the falsehood of the science to the world, or, failing in that, to acknowledge its truth.

The event now stated was seen by a number of persons, and can be verified on oath if required, as the parties are now living.

I remain, Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

Oct. 5, 1824.

J. PARTRIDGE, JUN.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE NATURE OF THE PLANETS.

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OF THE SUN.

THE Sun is the centre of our system, although supposed by Ptolemy and others to revolve round the Earth. This opinion of Ptolemy, although astronomically incorrect, does not in the slightest degree affect his system of astrology ; for the stars act upon the Earth according to their apparent or geocentric* position, without any regard to their true or heliocentric places. The Sun is of a hot and dry nature, though inferior in this respect to Mars: he has little specific influence of his own, though when in square or opposition to the Moon, the native is rash, hasty, and violent, and seems of a decidedly martial nature. The Sun possesses the peculiar power of destroying the nature of any planet with which he may happen to be in conjunction, and imbibing its qualities himself: this is termed combustion, when the planet is within $8^{\circ} 30'$ of the Sun ; and being under the Sun-beams when more than that distance and less than 17° from his body, the former being a much greater affliction than the latter. It seems very ridiculous to suppose that this effect is limited to precisely $8^{\circ} 30'$: there can be no doubt that every planet *gradually* loses its power as it approaches the Sun, and slowly regains it as it separates from him. When

* The geocentric place of a planet is that which it appears to be in to an observer placed on the Earth ; the heliocentric, or true place, that where it would be seen from the Sun.

the Sun is afflicted by the malefics he assumes their nature, and, on coming to an evil direction of the hyleg, will powerfully assist the destruction of life. Placidus and others suppose, that when the Moon is hyleg, an evil direction to the Sun, even when the latter is wholly unmixed with the influence of any other planet, is fatal ; but this does not seem proved by experience.

It is of the utmost importance in all genitures that the Sun (as well as the Moon) be free from affliction ; for without this the native can expect neither success nor fortune in the world. It is perhaps more fortunate to have the luminaries wholly unasspected by the malefics, even by the sextile and trine, for they still seem to imbibe the qualities of the planets, though in a more moderate degree.

When well aspected by Jupiter the native is extremely fortunate ; and if hyleg, he will have a good constitution and excellent health, always provided that both Jupiter and the Sun be not otherwise afflicted. If in good aspect to Mars, the native is very fortunate in war, and meets with military preferment.

If placed in the mid-heaven, and unafflicted, the native will rise to eminent offices : and if at the same time he is in good aspect to Jupiter, he will attain great dignity.

If in the ascendant, the native is bold and courageous, and, with the assistance of good aspects, very fortunate. When the Sun is afflicted by Saturn in a nativity, the native is very unfortunate, poor-spirited, mean, and dejected, with bad health, and not unfrequently of a consumptive habit.

If by Mars, he is violent and outrageous, delighting in broils and bloodshed, and is often amply rewarded for his conduct.

In horary questions, if well dignified, the Sun represents a person

high minded, affable, ambitious of honour, detesting mean and sordid actions, prudent, faithful, secret, and of a profound judgment.

If ill dignified, a proud, boasting, empty person, never to be depended on, always aiming at things above his station and capacity.

He describes one of a large, strong, well-made body, broad, high forehead, inclining to baldness, large eyes but sharp sight, with bright yellow or flaxen hair, and much beard.

The only sign allotted to the Sun, both by day and night, is Leo, which is termed his house: he is exalted in Aries, and receives his fall in Libra, and his detriment in Aquarius. He governs the fiery triplicity by day.

Sun in the Twelve Signs.

Sol in Aries, in which he is exalted, personates a reasonable stature, strong and well composed, a good complexion though not very clear, light hair, flaxen or yellowish, and gives a noble spirit, full of courage and valour, delighting in warlike deeds, and gaining victory and renown, formidable to his enemies, illustrious and famous in his generation, very often far beyond the capacity of his birth.

Sol in Taurus represents a short, well-set person, with brown hair, not very comely, a dark complexion, wide mouth, great nose, broad face, bold, confident, sufficiently strong, tinctured with no small share of pride, taking delight in opposing others, and not unfrequently victorious.

Sol in Gemini represents a well-proportioned body, of a sanguine complexion, above the middle stature, brown hair, a person

of a good disposition, affable and courteous to all, not very fortunate in any affairs, subject to the checks and controlment of others, and patiently passing over slight abuses, which shews him to be a very mild tempered person.

Sol in Cancer represents a mean stature, of an ill complexion, with some deformity in the face, very unhealthy aspect, brown hair, and a lover of females; also an admirer of music, dancing, and such kind of recreations, but cares not to follow any employment, to all kinds of which he appears indisposed.

Sol in Leo gives a strong, well-proportioned person, of a very sanguine complexion, light brown or yellowish hair, full face, and large eyes, sometimes a mark or scar on the face; a very honest person, faithful to his friends, punctual in the performance of his promise, yet delights to take his pleasure, is ambitious of honour, whether in war or otherwise.

Sol in Virgo gives a person somewhat above the middle stature, a well-proportioned body, not corpulent but rather slender, a good complexion, the hair brown and much of it; in disposition an ingenious, cheerful person, enjoying all decent recreations, particularly those which gratify the ear and the palate.

Sol in Libra gives an upright, straight body, an oval face and ruddy, cheerful complexion, light hair, full eyes, and sometimes pimples in the face: a very unfortunate person in all or most of his actions, especially in warlike affairs, unless there be testimonies to the contrary; for therein he is sure to come off with dishonour if he escape other dangers, unless his significator be irradiated by the benefics.

Sol in Scorpio gives a square body, full face, cloudy complexion, sun-burnt, brown hair, a very fleshy body in general: in disposi-

tion an ingenious person, but austere and ungentle; ambitious of honour, one unwilling to admit an equal, fortunate upon the seas or in the practice of physic or chemistry.

Sol in Sagittarius gives a tall, well-proportioned, comely person, with an oval visage, sanguine complexion and light brown hair, a very lofty, proud-spirited person, aiming at great things, and too severe in the exercise of his power, yet some exploits are performed by him which add much to his commendation and to his renown.

Sol in Capricorn usually represents a mean stature, a sickly complexion, brown hair not curling, an oval face, a spare, thin body, not decently composed, but rather disproportioned: in disposition very just, thereby gaining love and friendship; sometimes passionate, a favourer of the female sex, and in general a good humoured person.

Sol in Aquarius describes a person of a middle stature, a corpulent body decently composed, a round, full face, light brown hair, and generally clear complexion: the disposition moderately good, but subject to ostentation and desirous to bear rule, yet free from malicious actions.

Sol in Pisces gives a person rather short of stature, round face, and an indifferent good complexion, light brown hair, sometimes flaxen; a reasonably corpulent body, a general lover of the female sex, addicts himself to gaming and feasting, often to much prejudice, yet a person very harmless, injuring none but himself by too much extravagance and prodigality. 176

A METEOROLOGICAL TABLE.

Lights of the world ! ye rolling orbs on high !
That lead the various seasons through the sky .

From	Expect in SPRING.	Expect in SUMMER.	Expect in AUTUMN.	Expect in WINTER.
Saturn and Jupiter	Wind and Rain.	Rain and Thunder.	Wind and Rain.	Turbulent Air.
Saturn and Mars.	Rain and Thunder.	Thunder and Hail.	Rain and Storms.	Mitigation of Cold.
Saturn and the Sun.	Cold Rains.	Hail, Rain, Thunder.	Cold Rains.	Snow and Rain.
Saturn and the Moon.	Clouds and moist Air.	Cooling Rains.	Cloudy Weather.	Clouds and Snow.
Saturn and Mercury.	Wind and Rain.	Windy Weather.	Winds and Clouds.	Winds and Snow.
Saturn and Venus.	Cold Rains.	Sudden Rains	Cold Rains.	Snow or Rain.
Jupiter and Mars.	Turbulent Weather.	Heat and Thunder.	Winds, but Warm.	Temperate Weather.
Jupiter and the Sun.	Windy Weather.	Thunder and Lightning.	Windy, yet Warm.	Mitigation of Cold.
Jupiter and the Moon.	Genial Showers and gentle Gales.	Favourable and Serene Air.	Calm & Temperate, with White Clouds.	Mitigation of the Season.
Jupiter and Mercury.	High Winds.	Winds and Thunder	Moist Air and Winds.	Rain and Winds.

Jupiter and Venus.	Growing Weather.	Delightful and bland	Clear and Serene Air.	Unusual Warmth.
Mars and the Sun.	Dry and Windy Weather.	Thunder and Lightning.	Dry and Windy Weather.	Mitigation of Cold.
Mars and the Moon.	Showers and Hail.	Thunder Storms.	Intemperate Air.	Variable.
Mars and Mercury.	Rain and Wind.	Thunder and Hail.	Hail and Winds.	Snow or Rain.
Mars and Venus.	Abundant Rains.	Small Rains.	Rainy Weather.	Rain or Snow.
The Sun and Venus.	Moist Weather.	Thunder Showers.	Small Rain.	Mists or Rain.
The Moon and Venus.	Cloudy and Moist.	Mitigation of Heat.	Cloudy and Dark.	Winds and Sleet.
Mercury and Venus.	Sweet pleasant Showers.	Rainy or Cloudy.	Variable.	Abundant Rains, sometimes Floods.
Mercury and the Moon.	Variable Weather according to the nature of the sign and configuration.	Variable Weather according to the Sign, &c. &c.	Variable, &c. &c.	Variable, &c. &c.
The Sun and Mercury.	In airy signs south winds; in watery, rain; if retrograde, always rain.	Changeful and influenced by other configurations, &c. &c.	Mutable, often drizzly or moist, but observe other Planets.	Various, sometimes Stormy, sometimes Dry, sometimes Wet, uncertain.
The Sun and Moon.	Weather according to the configurations made at the time.	According to other Influences of the Stars.	Observe other Configurations, &c.	According to Aspects with the Sun and Moon.

THE ASTROLOGICAL EXCUSE.

I.

See, fair one, humbled, sorrowful, and sad,
 Perplexed, distressed, and very much ashamed
 Of past misconduct, which I own was bad,
 I come to vow that what I said disclaim'd :
 Believe me, I have been extremely mad,
 My worse than leaden dulness so misnamed
 An elegant, refined, and beautiful dame :
 Upon my life, the Planets were to blame.

II.

Bereft of wit, good sense and humour, all
 That I can, after so much mischief, do,
 Is to explain how every nasty ball
 Had intermix'd its rays, until the crew
 Were all to friendship most inimical ;
 And then I'll leave the judgment, fair, to you.
 Indeed, I was a dunce at such a time
 To visit :—but that I always am is—rhyme.

III.

That sly old *Saturn* (mischief making dog !)
 Afflicted *Sol* and *Mercury* by square ;
 Oppos'd the *Moon*, too ; thus a double clog
 He plac'd upon my wits, and you, I dare
 To say, will call to mind a clumsy log
 Tied to a jaded horse or worn-out mare ;

And smile (I hope you'll pity too) that thus,
What hitherto had hobbled, went still worse !

IV.

But this is little ; *Venus* squared by *Mars*
And *Jupiter* ! the latter ever causes fooling,
And the former disagreement, quarrels, wars
With ladies, e'en in heaven. At my schooling
I was often much surpris'd, and blest my stars
To think great Jove, who is so fond of ruling,
My master like, permitted them to quarrel ;
But then I did not understand the moral.

V.

'Tis on such days as yesterday, are hatched
Ill nature, bickering, and rage, and strife ;
Then quarrel first a couple newly match'd,
The vulgar husband then first beats his wife,
And first then feels the sweets of being scratch'd ;
Then the rash murderer first whets his knife !
Gaunt wickedness strides on throughout the land,
And treasons, thefts, and burglaries are plann'd.

VI.

Then, fair one, deign to pity and forgive ;
Since mortals err from lack of caution, say
Will you not smile and bid your suppliant live ?
More cautious grown, he'll shun each evil ray,
And ever hence to gain your approbation strive ;
Will chuse, as now, some bless'd, propitious day,

When Venus sextile shines upon the Moon,
 Resplendent as your eyes, to see his boon.

H.

TRANSITS.

A TRANSIT is the passing of any planet over the body or aspect of any promittor or significator in a nativity. That transits have a very great effect in nativities is well known to all who have paid any attention to the subject; but that they have also at times unaccountably failed, is equally certain. This failure of transits in some cases, and their remarkable truth in others, led us to investigate the cause of the inconsistency. All transits seemed to have their proper effect when made on or near the birth day, thus justifying, in a great degree, the opinion which the ancients had of the revolutionary figure, or the time of the Sun's return to the same place which he occupied in the radix: the reason now appeared plain; all astrological calculations are made from the geocentric positions of the planets. We will take an example July 25, 1824: if we place the Sun in Leo, and the Earth in Aquarius, Mars will appear to an observer on the Earth to be in $22^{\circ} 22'$ of Libra, but to a person placed on the Sun he will seem to be in $3^{\circ} 53'$ of Sagittarius; the first is called his geocentric, the last his heliocentric position. On Sept. 9, 1824, according to common calculation, Venus being then in $22^{\circ} 22'$ of Libra, would be said to transit the place of Mars; this however we maintain is not the case, the Earth having moved from her original position in Aquarius to Pisces; consequently the bearing of the eye is totally altered, the geo-

* So far as regards the transits of the luminaries.

centric position is not the same, and Venus, though apparently in the same degree of the zodiac, is not in reality near that point ; consequently the transit can have no effect.

When Jupiter or Venus shall transit the mid-heaven, ascendant, or the places of the luminaries, these days will be attended with success, provided they are not in evil aspect to Saturn, Mars, or Herschel ; for then, instead of good, you may expect evil ; but if Jupiter or Venus should be in good aspect with each other without the interposition of the malefics, the good is then doubled. If Herschel, Saturn, or Mars shall transit the mid-heaven, the ascendant, or the places of the luminaries, by good aspect, and they in favourable aspect to Jupiter or Venus at the same time without any aspect to each other, they produce good to the native : - If by conjunction, square, or opposition, they portend bad ; but if they be in good aspect to the benefics at the same time, this will soften their malignant influence. That planet which gives testimony by good aspect, signifies the means by which the native will be assisted. Special regard ought to be had to those days in which the aspects are most complete.

Example.—In the nativity of a certain person, born April 18, 6 h. 45 m. A.M. 1804, when Mars passed by the ascendant, in Sept. 1817, the native received a violent blow accidentally in bed, which greatly endangered her life, and ever after occasioned an impediment in the speech, at which time Saturn, Mars, Jupiter, and the Sun, were all in evil aspect

[To be continued.]

PARTRIDGE'S OPUS REFORMATUM.

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EXTRACT VII.

THE NATIVITY OF OLIVER CROMWELL, LORD-
PROTECTOR OF ENGLAND,

*Fairly and faithfully handled according to the true Principles
of Astrology.*

THE time of this great man's birth, according as he gave it himself, was on St. Mark's day, in the year 1599, *summo mane*, at Huntingdon, whose latitude is 52 degrees and a few minutes ; and this is the estimate time given.

Now the main point is, how we must understand this short sentence, *summo mane* ; and it can, in my judgment, have no other meaning than very early in the morning, that is, in the very top of the morning, or suddenly after twelve, for so the words seem to import ; and indeed I can give it no other interpretation but this ; for the word *summo* must be taken adverbially, and derived from the adjective *summus*, which, in that sense it is here spoken, signifies the very highest, extreame, utmost, top, &c. of the morning, though I confess the word morning takes in all the whole time from twelve, or midnight, till twelve at noon ; but if he had been born after sun-rising, I am very apt to believe he would have used another way of expressing it, as *ante meridiem*, &c. ; but if before sun-rising, as indeed they all agree he was, then I can take it in no other sense but this that I have already given,—the top of the morning ; and the time pitched upon is at about five minutes after one of the clock ; and to that time the planets' places, both in longitude and latitude, are calculated by the Caroline tables, as followeth :

	<i>Long..</i>	<i>Plan.</i>		<i>Lat. Plan.</i>		<i>Par. Plan.</i>
♄	11 47 2	♈		2 54 N.		2 1
♅	15 4 19	♉		0 24 N.		23 5
♆	10 25 29	♊		1 4 S.		3 9
♇	29 51 46	♋		0 29 N.		20 40
♈	16 19 25	♌		0 18 N.		18 3
♉	13 55 10	♍		0 0		16 5
♊	14 35 40	♎		2 31 S.		3 46
♋	15 51 28	♏		0 0		0 0
♌	15 51 28	♐		0 0		0 0

From their latitudes and longitudes, thus found, are their parallels or antiscions obtained, as here you may see :

♄	5 2	♈	5 2	♊	24 58	♋	24 58	♎
♅	10 48	♉	10 48	♊	19 12	♌	19 12	♏
♆	7 55	♊	7 55	♈	22 5	♍	22 5	♐
♇	2 10	♋	2 10	♉	27 50	♎	27 50	♑
♈	20 56	♌	20 56	♊	9 4	♏	9 4	♒
♉	20 31	♍	20 31	♋	9 29	♐	9 29	♓
♊	13 57	♎	13 57	♌	16 3	♑	19 3	♔

Now, to gain the cusps of the twelve houses, I proceed in the method following : By taking the R. A. of the Sun and the R. A. of time, and adding them together, gives the R. A. of the M. C. ; to which, adding thirty degrees, gives the oblique ascension of the eleventh house ; and so, by the addition of thirty degrees, we gain the other six of the oriental houses, as in the following example :

R. A. of the Sun.....	41 26
R. A. of Time	196 14
R. A. of the M. C.....	237 40 = ♎ 29° 52'
Add	30 0
O. A. of the 11th.....	267 40 = ♏ 18°
Add	30 0
O. A. of the 12th.....	297 40 = ♐ 5°
Add	30 0
O. A. of the ascendant....	327 40 = ♑ 26° 19'
Add	30 0
O. A. of the 2d house....	357 40 = ♒ 26°
Add	30 0
O. A. of the 3d house....	27 40 = ♓ 6°

Many of our modern professors have made a great noise about taking the minutes and seconds for the cusps of every house, which I think are both useless and impertinent; for what use do they make of them when they have taken them? None, as I know: however, I will give you a short example, and leave the rest for those that think them useful.

For the M. C. I take the difference between the two arcs, greater and lesser; then the R. A. of the M. C., and that is 62; then I take the difference between the next less and the R. A., and that is 54; then I say, by the rule of proportion, If 62 gives 60, 54 shall give 53, which leaves the cusp of the tenth in 29 deg. 53 minutes of Scorpio.

And for the cusp of the ascendant I also take the difference, as before, between the two arcs, greater and lesser than the oblique ascension of the ascendant, and that is 44 minutes: and also between the lesser arc and the oblique ascension, which is 14 minutes; then I say, as before, by the rule of proportion, If 44 min. gives 60 min., 14 min. shall give 19 minutes, which tells us that the cusp of the ascendant resteth in 26 degrees and 19 min. of Capricorn, under the pole of 52°. I omit to take notice of the equation for those few minutes above 52°, the pole of birth; and therefore the Figure, without any further operation, is as followeth:—

[We refer our Readers to No. VI, p. 109, for the Figure.]

Having finished the table of directions, give me leave to say a word or two about the directions of the Sun, as it is delivered and approved by the best authors in that way and method. The directions of the Sun under the Earth are different from those above the Earth, and that in two ways: First, by being in the crepuscular circles; and secondly, by being in the obscure arc; and the

cause of this difference is from the Sun's being nearer to, or farther from, our horizon or hemisphere, or rather (which is more proper) according to the intension of his light toward our hemisphere; for when he is in the crepusculine circles he doth much more affect us, and his directions are more forcible than when he is in the obscure arc: the main thing is, the part proportional for the occurrent. But in that for the crepusculine circles, ascending or descending, the chiefest thing to be obtained is the active difference, and both these are to be applied as directed, to complement and perfect those directions, with the real and natural motion thereof. The prorogatory virtue of the Sun or Moon remains immovable in mundo, moveable in the zodiac, which is plain, because the nocturnal arc is either extended or contracted, according as they, by their directional motion, shall change and alter their declination, and by the same reason make their distances more or less from the two next angles; from whence ariseth that diversity and variety of operation in working the Sun's directions true, which is a mystery not known to many.

But yet further to illustrate this truth; suppose the 15th degree of Aries should ascend under the elevation of 52° , at which time about 6° of Cancer will be on the *Immus Celi*; the semi-nocturnal arc of the end of Aries in horary trines is $75^{\circ} 30'$, of Taurus $68^{\circ} 6'$, and of the end of Gemini is 18° , which is the 30th part of the whole circle, which in one quadrant must of necessity form another oblique arc of difference in the distance between the 30th degree Aries (where we will suppose the Sun to be), and the end of Gemini, the place of a promittor, either body or aspect; and that the nocturnal circle of the 30th degree of Aries, from which the Sun moves by direction, is greater by 18° than the 30th degree

of Gemini, to which point the Sun must come to meet the promittor; and this is such a difference, that neither the circles of position, nor the horary times, will or can regulate, because they are both formed from the same principle; and the reason of it really is that of which I spoke before, that the prorogatory virtue remains fixed in *mundo*, but moveable in *zodiaco*; and by reason of that mobility, it makes a variation in its circle by reason of its declination; for at that time before-mentioned of 15 degrees of Aries ascending, the Sun being in 30 degrees of the same sign, under the pole of 52° , the distance of the Sun from the ascendant will be 6 degrees 38 minutes; but when the direction is finished to the 30th degree of Gemini, the Sun will be distant from the ascendant but 5 degrees 3 minutes; so that your own reason will tell you, if his distance grows less, his pole must grow greater; and then where is the truth of your direction? And let this suffice to have spoken of the ground of direction which hath fallen in by accident, it not being intended at first; perhaps I may take a time to discourse more at large on this subject.

The Sun (as is agreed on by all), when he is above the Earth, exerts his power more, and his influence is greater, and more effectual to us in all cases, whether he be significator or promittor, than when he is under the Earth: if so, then when he is under the Earth, by how much nearer he is to the horizon, by so much the more (especially in the crepusculine arc) the power and influx of his light and virtue affects our meridian; and according to the intension of his light, so is his vital and prorogatory power.

[To be continued.]

TO THE EDITOR OF "THE SPIRIT OF PARTRIDGE."

SIR,

IN going over the calculations of the Planets' places at the time of birth of the present King, as published in "The Stragglng Astrologer," I found a trifling error of **FOUR DEGREES AND THREE MINUTES** in the place of the planet Herschel, which he says was in $8^{\circ} 50'$ of the sign Υ , on the 12th of August, 1762; whereas, the true geocentric longitude of that planet was $12^{\circ} 53'$ of the above sign. The mean longitude, it will be found, was just $\Upsilon 12^{\circ} 46' 55''$, from which, if we deduct the equation arising from the mean anomaly, together with those corrections that are to be allowed for the disturbing forces of the other planets, we have the longitude in the orbit, which, being reduced to the ecliptic, gives the true heliocentric longitude in $10^{\circ} 32' 24.5''$ of the sign Aries.

I shall only observe, Sir, that this error should be noticed by those persons (if, perchance, there be any such) who place any confidence in the Straggler's knowledge of practical astronomy, which appears to be of that peculiar stamp that his astrological acquirements smack of. Perhaps he was favoured with the calculation by some friend from the academic shades of Norwood.

I remain, Sir,

Your humble Servant,

TYRO.

P.S. The latitude was $40^{\circ} 51' S$.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

T. H. M., of Red-lion Square, may be assured that it is the intention of the Proprietors to continue the *Astronomical Tables* up to the present time.

T. M. and **Mary L.** have only given the time to the even hour: we must inform them that it is essentially necessary the time should be given with the greatest exactness; and we cannot pretend to comply with their requests without this is done.

W. H. B.'s question reflects credit upon his acuteness. **Ptolemy**, as he must be well aware, considered the Earth to be the centre of the universe. Now this, though a gross error in astronomy, does not in the least affect astrology; for the planets act upon the Earth, not according to their real but their apparent position: the luminaries attract the water, not as they are seen from the Sun, but as they are beheld from the Earth.

Declination is so easily found by the proper-tables, or by trigonometry (at the same time the size of our page would prevent its admission in the *Astronomical Tables*), that we must decline complying with **A Subscriber's** request.

R. D. is received, and may perhaps be attended to in a future Number; but at present we are completely overwhelmed with these applications.

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